

**Governor's P-20 Council
Graduation Rate Project Committee Meeting
Wednesday, September 6, 2006
1:00 p.m.
Meeting Notes**

Location: 1700 W. Washington, Arizona Department of Commerce; 2nd Floor Conference Room

P-20 Members Present: Dr. Sybil Francis, Chair, Dr. David Curd, Dr. Karen Butterfield for Tom Horne, Dr. Kino Flores, and Dr. Angel Cabrera

Others: Dr. Benah Parker, Preethy George, Rebecca Bolnick

Staff: Darcy Renfro; Becky Hill and Claire Parriott

1. Call to Order & Welcome

Chair Dr. Sybil Francis called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., welcomed everyone and invited those present to introduce themselves.

2. Approval of Minutes – April 6, 2006

There being no discussion on or corrections to the Committee minutes of April 6, 2006, Dr. David Curd moved approval of the minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Dr. Karen Butterfield and unanimously approved.

3. Review of Goal and Strategies of Committee

Darcy Renfro emphasized that in concert with the committees goals and strategies and the short-term proposals made by the Governor at the August Council meeting, the Committees needed to set some priorities and develop a process for action particularly regarding the current dropout age and end-of-course testing.

The Committee engaged in discussion on end-of-course testing on issues such as cost, time vs. achievement, rural issues particularly around broadband access, and ELL issues. The Committee also spent considerable time discussing the Governor's proposal for raising the compulsory school attendance age to 18.

4. Update – Action Plan – NGA Graduation Rate Compact

5. Next Steps

6. Call to the Public

There were no requests from the Public to address the Committee.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business or discussion, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 2:00 p.m.